

("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form S-6—For Registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of Securities of Unit Investment Trusts Registered on Form N-8B-2. Unit investment trusts offering their securities to the public are required by two separate statutes to file registration statements with the Commission. They are required to register their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 ("1933 Act"), and to register as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act").

Form S-6 is used for registration under the 1933 Act of the securities of any unit investment trust registered under the 1940 Act on Form N-8B-2.¹ A separate registration statement under the 1933 Act must be filed for each series of units issued by the trust. Form S-6 consists of two parts. Part I contains the prospectus and Part II consists of a list of exhibits and financial information and contains other information required in the registration statement but not required to appear in the prospectus.

Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act [15 U.S.C. 77j(a)(3)] provides that when a prospectus is used more than nine months after the effective date of the registration statement, the information therein shall be as of a date not more than sixteen months prior to such use. Unit investment trusts file post-effective amendments to their registration statements on Form S-6 in order to update their prospectuses. As a result, most unit investment trusts update their registration statements on Form S-6 on an annual basis in order that their sponsors may continue to maintain a secondary market in the units.

The purpose of the registration statement on Form S-6 is to provide disclosure of financial and other information that investors may use to make informed decisions regarding the merits of the securities offered for sale. To that end, unit investment trusts must furnish to investors a prospectus containing pertinent information set forth in the registration statement. Without the registration requirement, this material information would not

necessarily be available to investors. The Commission reviews registration statements filed on Form S-6 to ensure adequate disclosure is made to investors.

Each year approximately 3,600 investment companies file a Form S-6. The Commission estimates that preparing Form S-6 requires a unit investment trust to spend approximately 35 hours so that the total burden of preparing Form S-6 for all affected investment companies is 126,000 hours. Estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Form 3—SEC File No. 270-125, OMB Control No. 3235-0104;

Form 4—SEC File No. 270-126, OMB Control No. 3235-0287;

Form 5—SEC File No. 270-323; OMB Control No. 3235-0362.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below. Exchange Act Forms 3, 4 and 5 are filed by insiders of public companies that have a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. Form 3 is an initial statement of beneficial ownership, Form 4 is a statement of changes of beneficial ownership of securities and Form 5 is an annual statement of beneficial ownership of securities. Approximately 7,538 respondents file Form 3 annually for a total annual burden of 3,769 hours. Approximately 62,704 respondents file Form 4 annually for a total annual burden of 31,352 hours. Approximately 37,075 respondents file Form 5 annually for a total annual burden of 37,075 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following open meeting during the week of October 12, 1998.

An open meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 1998, at 10 a.m.

¹ Form N-8B-2 is the form used for registration statements filed by unit investment trusts under the 1940 Act. The form requires that certain material information about the trust, its sponsor, its trustees, and its operation be disclosed. The registration on Form N-8B-2 is a one-time filing that applies to the first series of the unit investment trust as well as any subsequent series that is issued by the sponsor.